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To prohibit the export of American black bear viscera, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 26 (legislative day, JANUARY 5), 1993

Mr. McCONNELL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

A BILL

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for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Black Bear Protection
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON EXPORT OF AMERICAN BLACK**
7 **BEAR VISCERA.**

8 The Secretary of Commerce shall exercise the author-
9 ity the Secretary has under the Export Administration Act
10 of 1979 to prohibit the export from the United States of
11 American black bear viscera.

1 **SEC. 3. REPORT BY SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.**

2 The Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the
3 Secretary of the Treasury, shall prepare and submit to
4 the Congress, not later than one hundred eighty days after
5 the date of the enactment of this Act, a report that de-
6 scribes—

7 (1) the effectiveness of the computerized infor-
8 mation system or any other system of the Fish and
9 Wildlife Service or the United States Customs Serv-
10 ice that records data on the importation or expor-
11 tation of wildlife body parts, specifically of the
12 American black bear, to and from the United States;
13 and

14 (2) any plans of the Fish and Wildlife Service
15 to monitor the illegal movement of, or commercial
16 activity in, American black bear viscera or other
17 American black bear body parts.

18 **SEC. 4. UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE.**

19 The United States Trade Representative shall discuss
20 the issues involving trade in American black bear viscera
21 with the appropriate representatives of those countries
22 trading with the United States who are determined jointly
23 by the Secretaries of Commerce and Interior to be the
24 leading importers of American black bear viscera.

1 **SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

2 As used in this Act, the term “American black bear
3 viscera” means the gallbladder or any internal organs of
4 an American black bear (*Ursus Americanus*).

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